## Maine Summit on Sub-State Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Breakout Summaries

## Statewide

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Who is the lead agency for Pan Flu planning in Maine?	What are the priority issues / gaps in planning?	What action steps should take place within the next two months?
MCDC would assume leadership role with MEMA as coordinator using ERT members/agencies as partners.  MEMA has Statutory Authority/Role (ID needed resources and call for such)  Owners of the event must be the implementers with local entities as partners.  Owner of a Pandemic Influenza event would be public health / MeCDC who would assume the leadership role utilizing MEMA as the coordinator of activities statewide, establishing Unified Command.  • MEMA states they depend on partnership for incident management, they cannot work alone:	Federal and State plans do not always match for planning. State needs:  Inventory of needs and assets with mapping of each  Uniform and consistent messages from MeCDC to engage clinicians (I.e. mode of care) Communication /Technology – Plan for interoperability  Not all State agencies have disaster plans/continuity of operations in place, but all need them  Mechanisms to reimburse for services  Lack of public/government - private partnerships I.e. Hannaford role in food supply What is State role?	<ul> <li>Need Governor Executive Order - To charge state agencies to plan, including issues related to continuity of operations (Action Item)</li> <li>Contact Senator Collins office for the purpose of including Pan Flu planning in Federal Planning (vaccine, antiviral supplies, business continuity of operations, food/water, surge, federal resources for response as well as to maintain our current infrastructure (proposed cuts to funding) (Action Item)</li> <li>Determine how assets will be accounted for and used</li> <li>Define roles/responsibilities/partners</li> <li>Convene local planning/define planners</li> <li>Direct State agencies to ID their own gaps</li> </ul>
In a Pandemic Influenza scenario: Ag would assume ownership of a bird outbreak; MeCDC would assume ownership of human outbreak and serve as the liaison and means to connect with the medical community.  NIMS training/implementation essential for	<ul> <li>Identify partners to carry out actions – Use what already exists         <ul> <li>Funding</li> <li>Trust/delegation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Determine who needs plans and how all plans will be merged</li> <li>Develop common plan definitions/topics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Do they have capacity to deal with pandemic?</li> <li>If not who would be needed to help deal with those gaps (ID State and local constituencies)</li> <li>Invite those players to table</li> <li>Speak about Pan Flu planning in whatever and</li> </ul>
coordination, and recognition of Chain of Command	I.e. Training on Risk Communication for broad audiences; frequent and consistent messages.	<ul> <li>all meetings/events</li> <li>Partner agencies at the local level should make resources available to partners to assist planning</li> </ul>

General agreement that if partners were asked to participate in planning, they would come/play.

Who are the implementers of statewide pan flu planning and response?

• Governor has statutory authority in emergency response (Unified Command)

Planning	VS	Response
Me CDC MEMA		Governor
Need unified Continuity o	•	Need Unified Command Continuity of Ops

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- Owner of the event is MeCDC
- NIMS training/implementation essential for coordination
- MHA: Role in implementation (residential housing, homeless shelter network)
- Concerns over state police role

- Need to identify unique need of elders and other special populations
- Current Draft Plan does not define HOW (procedures step by step)
  - o Staffing
  - o Hospitals taken over by State of Maine

## processes

- o Facilitation
- o Funding
- Information